



**BRONTE**  
GIRLS' ACADEMY

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**Safety and internet advice for parents/carers**

Dear Parent/Carer,

During these uncertain times, keeping in touch and communication is a pressing issue that many families face. We know that social interaction is important for our wellbeing and mental health. More and more people are using various video chat apps to help them reach out to members of their family, friends and their wider community. Whilst this has many benefits, we would like to advise our families to exercise caution when allowing children to use apps which allow a live video stream and live chats into your home.

Parents may want to consider who is monitoring group chats for the possibility of unkindness or online bullying or inappropriate behaviour which may not come from the children themselves but perhaps another member of the household. This week has also seen the media raising privacy queries about apps such as Zoom sharing information with Facebook without user's knowledge. Furthermore, House Party is currently taking social media by storm and has live streaming platforms which can potentially expose students to whole range of messages and images which can put young people at risk.

At <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers> you can find support, information, guides and a whole host of other information including:

- Examples of issues which may occur
- Advice on how to speak to your daughter about their internet use
- Safety tools
- Advice of parental controls
- A guide to technology
- Resources which you may choose to use with your daughter.

Please take some time to read the information and actively monitor your daughter when she is using the internet and technology.

If you have any concerns about your daughter's activity on the internet please email Bronte Girls' Academy at [office@bga.fetrust.org.uk](mailto:office@bga.fetrust.org.uk) Alternatively, you can ring myself as the designated safeguarding officer on 01274 044066

Thank you for your support in helping us keep your daughter safe when she is working from home.

Yours sincerely,

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